GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4450
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WELFARE OF FISHERMEN
ADHI SANKAR;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;GORDHANBHAI JAVIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced some schemes for the welfare of fishermen in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred for the development of fishermen since 2000 till date, year-wise;

(d) the amount proposed to be allocated for the purpose during 2003-2004;

(e) whether the Government have received letters of demand/suggestions from the two State Governments and various associations/unions of the fishermen since 2001, till date;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the action taken thereon alongwith the outcome thereof; and

(h) the details of the demands that have been fulfilled and the way they have been accomplished?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir, the Government of India has approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen in the 10th Plan in all the States/UTs including Gujarat and Tamil Nadu.

(b) The scheme envisages to provide economic security, better living conditions and thereby to enhance the productivity and income of fishers. it has 3 components viz Group Accident Insurance, Saving-cum-relief and development of model fishermen villages comprising of construction of houses, community halls and installation of tubewells for drinking water.

(c) The Central assistance extended under various developmental and welfare schemes for the benefit of fishermen since 2000 till March 31, 2003 is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2000-01	6124
2001-02	5636
2002-03	4085

(d) The Budget provision in 2003-04 for these programmes in the fishery sector is Rs. 5200 lakh.

(e)to(h) In view of the demands received from the State Governments and other organisations pertaining to the fishery sector, Central assistance has been released under various schemes and programmes implemented by the Government. The central assistance of Rs. 1077 lakh and Rs. 2775 lakh has been extended to the Government of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu respectively during the last three years (2000-01 to 2002-03) to implement various programmes for the benefit of fishers.